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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 19, 2003. This paper is filed within the set period such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following remarks: